Political leaders getting protection under 'Z' category

4016. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of political leaders in the country who are getting the protection under 'Z' category;

(b) whether the protection given under the 'Z' category to any leader is withdrawn;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(d) whether any person in Kerala is enjoying the 'Z' category protection; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO) : (a) to (e) The list of 'Z' category of protectees of the whole country is not maintained centrally in Ministry of Home Affairs. Ministry of Home Affairs only maintains the list of protectees whose security is approved by the Central Government. The security to an individual is provided on the basis of threat perception. Since, threat perception of a protected person keep on varying from time to time the security category also keep on changing. Accordingly, number of protected persons also keep on changing. As regards Kerala, Ministry of Home Affairs has recommended to the State Government to provide 'Z' category of security to Shri O. Rajagopal, Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs in the Union Cabinet.

Agreement with Bangladesh on cross border infiltration

4017. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any agreement has been signed between Bangladesh and India over cross border infiltration;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the recent infiltration, including number of deaths by Bangladesh Rifles; and

(d) the action taken by Government in this-regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of reply to part (a) of the question.

(c) The Border Security Force (BSF) has apprehended 4594 infiltrators on the India-Bangladesh border between 1st January 2001 to 10th August, 2001. In the current year, the Bangladesh Rifles Forces have killed 16 BSF personnel at Boraibari along the India-Bangladesh border in April, 2001.

(d) The Border Security Forces have been directed to remain in a position of high alert. The field formations are being strengthened and further equipped with better communication system. Government have taken a series of measures which, *inter-alia*, include raising of additional battalions of Border Security Force, reduction of gaps between the border outposts, intensification of patrolling both on the land and the riverine border, accelerated programme of construction of border roads and fencing, increase in the number of outpost towards, provision of surveillance equipments etc.

Atrocities on downtrodden in Uttar Pradesh

†4018. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN' :
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the statement made by the Chairman of SC and ST Commission in the State of Uttar Pradesh in which he has said that one incident of atrocity on downtrodden is taking place at every six hours;

(b) if so, the assessment of Government in this regard;

(c) whether Government have taken any action at national level to render help and protection to weaker sections of society; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI) : (a) The Government of Uttar Pradesh is not aware of any such statement reportedly made by the Chairman of the SC & ST Commission in Uttar Pradesh.

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